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SUBJECT: VISAS VIPER FOR AUGUST 2007 REPORTING PERIOD

¶1. (U) Members of the Embassy Rabat and Consulate General Casablanca joint Visas Viper Committee met September 4, 2007. The meeting was chaired by the Casablanca Acting Principal Officer and was attended by representatives from CONS, RAO, DAO, POL, ECON, PAS, RSO, and LEGATT. The Committee submits twenty-four (24) names as follows:

¶2. (SBU) The Committee submits the names of the following two (2) Moroccan nationals as Salafi Jihadists who departed Morocco via Mohammed V Airport on 25 August 2007 for Istanbul, Turkey for possible onward travel to Iraq.

Boucetta, Ahmed
Male, DPOB: 1975; Tangier, Morocco
Passport Number: R955848

El Boukhara, Yassin
Male, DPOB: 28 March 1985
Passport Number: U184855

¶3. (SBU) The following have been reported in the local media as being arrested, sought, or sentenced by Moroccan authorities for involvement in terrorist activities and have been submitted through separate channels.

(SBU) Five (5) individuals were reported in the local or international media as having been arrested by Moroccan authorities in relation to the 13 August 2007 attempted suicide bombing against a tour bus in Meknes. The first person listed below is the bomber, who lost an arm but survived the attack.

Doukkali, Hisham
Male, DPOB: 13 August 1977; Morocco
Occupation: Civil Engineer, Tax Office, Meknes Ministry of Finance
Parents live in Khemisset, Morocco

Mohammed, Bouhmada
Male
Occupation: Engineer, Tax Office, Meknes Ministry of Finance

Azougagh, Hassan
Male
Occupation: Engineer, Tax Office, Meknes Ministry of Finance

Hamid, Nilmi
Male
Occupation: Engineer, Tax Office, Meknes Ministry of Finance

Zoubir, Bachir

Male

Occupation: Engineer, Tax Office, Meknes Ministry of Finance

(SBU) Three (3) individuals were reported in the local media as being arrested by Moroccan security services as members of Al Qaeda in the Islamic Magreb who appeared on a video on the internet.

Aghbalou, Mohamed

Male

Belhachmi, Mohamed Reda

Male

Bilal, Hamam

Male

(SBU) Two (2) individuals were reported in the local media as being sentenced for terrorist-related activities.

Krissi, Mohamed

Male, DPOB: 1972(e); Morocco

Reported June 8th as being sentenced to two years in jail on charges of terrorist activities (constituting a gang in order to prepare and carry out terrorist acts, part of a collective project to undermine public security, holding unauthorized public meetings and belonging to an unrecognized association).

Fouad, Rais

Male, DPOB: 1967(e); Morocco

Reported June 8th as being sentenced to a USD\$600 fine for holding unauthorized public meetings.

14. (SBU) The following names were received via two anonymous phone calls to the Consulate received by separate people on different dates (possibly the same caller and/or persons).

(SBU) On 20 July 2007 at 16h20, security received a call from a woman stating that the following two (2) people would be applying for a visa with the intent to perform terrorist acts in the United States:

Hafid, Idrissi

Male, DPOB: unknown

Massoud

Male, DPOB: unknown

(SBU) On 23 July 2007 at approximately 12h00, the Political Officer received a call from a woman thought to be Moroccan stating that the following two (2) people had plans to bomb an airport and were trying to go to the United States:

Hafid, El Idrissi

Male, DPOB: unknown

Rahimi, Younes (spelling uncertain)

Male, DPOB: unknown.

15. (SBU) The following eight (8) names were previously reported by the media as being convicted in Morocco on terrorist-related charges. Post provides this update as follows:

Oussayeh, Khalid

Male, DPOB: 10 September 1973; Maaseik, Morocco

CIN Number: BZ801958

Bouizakarne, Abdelmalek

Male, DPOB: 29 June 1977; Mediouna, Morocco

CIN Number: BJ201229

Sentenced for a terrorism offense

Ait Bensaid, Mohamed

Male, DPOB: 29 August 1976; Casablanca, Morocco

CIN Number: BJ205123

Sentenced to 30 years for a terrorism offense

Ait Chibani, Mustapha

Male, DPOB: 1961; Marrakech, Morocco

CIN Number: E105227

Sentenced to 8 years for a terrorism offense

Lamghizi, Saleh

Male

Sentenced to life for terrorism offense

El Bachri, Nourredine

Male

Sentenced to 10 years for terrorism offense

Benchrif, Abdelaziz

Male

Sentenced to 5 years for a terrorism offense

Belkacem, Jamal

Male

Sentenced to 5 years for a terrorism offense

¶6. (SBU) Post is researching two separate media reports, one 02 August 2007 stating that nine (9) suspects from the Oriental region of Morocco were arrested in Oujda near the Algerian border, intending to join a training camp of the Al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb; the other 26 July 2007 stating that eleven (11) Islamists accused of being members of the terrorist cell "Ansar Al Mehdi" were given prison sentences in a Sale court.

7.(U) Updates will be sent as details become available.

¶8. (U) The Mission's Visas Viper Coordinator is Pamela Hack. No additional Visas Viper telegrams were transmitted for August 2007.

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